

COMMENDING JESSICA  
ESPAILLAT, DAPHNE HER-  
NANDEZ, MARIA PALOMARES  
CARRANCO, AND NEREYDA  
REYES ON THEIR SELECTION AS  
BENJAMIN A. GILMAN INTER-  
NATIONAL SCHOLARS

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate four outstanding Houston residents on their reception of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

I offer my sincere congratulations to Ms. Jessica Espailat, Ms. Daphne Hernandez, Ms. Maria Palomares Carranco, and Ms. Nereyda Reyes for their remarkable achievement of receiving the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship builds young, well-rounded and diverse leaders who have the skills to contribute to our national security and public diplomacy efforts.

The scholarship program was established with the support of the late Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman of New York, whose leading contributions to study abroad educational programs continue to help many students develop the ability to communicate and understand the economic, social and political connections among nations.

The scholarship was established to provide recipients with the tools to develop international knowledge and language skills, as well as gain valuable career-enhancing experiences in their experiences abroad.

The Gilman program has enabled more than 25,000 outstanding Americans of diverse backgrounds to engage in a meaningful educational experience abroad, providing them with skills critical to our national security and economic competitiveness.

Houston's contribution to this impressive list of talented individuals includes:

Ms. Jessica Espailat, of the University of Houston, who studied abroad in Japan;

Ms. Daphne Hernandez, of Colby College, who studied abroad in Japan;

Ms. Maria Palomares Carranco, of the University of Texas at Austin, who completed her studies in Mexico; and

Ms. Nereyda Reyes, of Texas A&M University at College Station, who spent her time abroad studying in Belgium.

This is truly a wonderful accomplishment for the recipients, and I offer them my best wishes as they embark on the next steps of their educational journeys.

My office is always open to the scholarship recipients, and I encourage them to contact me for any help they may need with their future educational goals.

THANK YOU PAULINE M. BROWN

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful that a talented constituent Pauline M. Brown of Barnwell, South Carolina,

has written an inspiring book entitled *A Touch of Heaven*. Beginning with love letters to her husband serving in Vietnam in 1968, she has continued writing, composing more than five hundred poems including the following from her book, *A Friendly Hello* (pg. 36).

*A Friendly Hello*

Always believe in the simplest things—  
Sunshine and flowers, flags blowing in the  
wind,

The music of children, rain on a tin roof,  
Afternoons spent with a cherished friend.  
A friendly hello can make all the difference  
In anyone's fragile state of mind.

Say "I miss you," "I love you,"  
"God bless you, my friend,"  
And the saddest of spirits will be realigned.  
A friendly hello can dry the tears of heart-  
ache.

A little encouragement can rescue a lost  
cause.

Remember a friend who brought you back  
from despair,

And do the same for someone else, just be-  
cause.

OFFICER CHRISTOPHER GRIGGS

### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable courage of Sergeant Christopher Griggs, a law enforcement officer in Fort Morgan, Colorado.

On April 28, a man stole a semi-truck in Logan County, Colorado, and he proceeded to rampage through the town of Fort Morgan and the surrounding areas. With the police in pursuit, the semi-truck wrecked anything in its way, destroying cars and injuring several civilians.

In the midst of this chaos, Sergeant Griggs confronted the semi-truck outside the city of Fort Morgan. He soon realized that the situation was becoming serious enough that he must resort to lethal force to stop the semi-truck. As Sergeant Griggs loaded his rifle, the semi-truck violently rammed his patrol partner's car off the highway. In response, Sergeant Griggs quickly discharged multiple rounds at the semi-truck. Unharmed, the driver of the truck changed course and began to drive aggressively towards the officer. Thinking fast, Sergeant Griggs leapt into his patrol car and sped out of the way just in time to avoid being crushed by the semi-truck.

As the rampaging truck sped on into the night, Griggs and his partner continued pursuing it, eventually following it into the town of Brush, Colorado. Once again, Sergeant Griggs made the courageous decision to confront the semi-truck by firing at the driver, who was caught soon after.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the people of Fort Morgan in thanking Sergeant Griggs for his courage, quick-thinking, and dedication to protecting our community.

TRIBUTE TO MS. BETTY  
HENDERSON

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable woman and outstanding South Carolinian, Betty Henderson, who exemplifies the epitome of dedicated community service.

Born in Branchville, Ms. Henderson served the citizens of Orangeburg County for twenty-eight years as the first African American Tax Assessor in the State of South Carolina. She also served for twelve years on the Town Council in Branchville, South Carolina, the first African American to serve on the body since post reconstruction. For 10 of those years, Ms. Henderson served as Mayor Pro Tem of Branchville.

Ms. Betty Henderson was one of the founders of the Orangeburg County Family Health Center. She has served on the Board of The Orangeburg Calhoun, Bamberg, Community Action Agency, the Trustee Board of the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties, the Orangeburg County Department of Social Services, and as a member of the Adult Literacy Board.

She served for over 20 years as Chairperson of the Orangeburg County Democratic Party and through her leadership many persons have been elected to public office. Her life includes membership in the White Rose Chapter I, Former Worthy Matron of White Rose Chapter I, former Queen of the National Order of the Eastern Star, LaCharm Club, founding member of the Concerned Citizens of District 94, and is a member and Chair of the Budget Committee of Canaan Baptist Church.

Ms. Henderson has raised three fine children, Shelia, Ernest, and Kathy, who have blessed her with four wonderful grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I urge that you and my colleagues join me in honoring the selfless, service, outstanding leadership and remarkable achievements of this outstanding South Carolinian.

IN CELEBRATION OF MS. CARRIE  
PATTERSON THOMAS ON THE OC-  
CASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 25, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Ms. Carrie Patterson Thomas on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Carrie was born on August 5, 1918 in the town of Ninety-Six, South Carolina to Wince and Ida Dean Patterson. In 1923 at the inquisitive age of five, she moved with her parents and six siblings to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She worked various jobs from picking vegetables and later worked as a domestic until she retired. Carrie met and married her late husband Mr. Harvey Thomas and have two lovely children, Earl Thomas and Betty DeV Vaughn.

Carrie has been a resident and community leader of Broward County for over 90 years. I am truly grateful for her selflessness and tireless service. She is a beloved life-long member of the New Mount Olive Baptist Church,